

# STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION 500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

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Wednesday, March 13, 2013 9:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-1356)

Attachments: AUDIO

Present: President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell,

Commissioner Shan Lee and Commissioner James Barger

Excused: Secretary Sara Vasquez

Call to Order. (13-1180)

President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Afriat.

### I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

**1.** Approval of Minutes for the meeting of February 13, 2013 (13-1181)

On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Barger, duly carried by the following vote, this item was approved.

Aves: 4 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée

Campbell, Commissioner Shan Lee and

Commissioner James Barger

Attachments: SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

# **II. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

2. Hearing on application for Entertainment-General/SC for the City of Santa Clarita, Business License ID# 139356, to issue a new license to Hof's Hut Restaurants, Inc Craig Harold Hofman, owner of Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-B-Que located at 24201 West Valencia Blvd #3660, Santa Clarita, CA 91355 in the Fifth District. (13-0306)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals; TTC has no objection to the issuance of the license.

Bryce Renn, Executive Bar Manager of Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-B-Que provided an overview of the business. It is a family restaurant with entertainment consisting of jazz and blues duos performing from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and is open until midnight on Friday and Saturday nights. The performers set up at ground level in a corner of the restaurant with the volume level kept to a minimum. Mr. Renn indicated that although the restaurant possesses a Type 47 Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) License, most of the profit is generated from food sales.

President Afriat advised that with a Type 47 ABC License, a business must sell food with their alcohol and alcohol sales cannot exceed their food sales.

Commissioner Barger indicated that a stage and dressing room waiver can be granted if they do not exist at the facility.

President Afriat questioned the closure of Hof's Hut in Long Beach. Mr. Renn indicated that the location was not profitable and although that location had been closed, they were expanding their business with Lucille's because unlike Hof's Hut the opportunity for growth is more marketable.

President Afriat also questioned the proximity and impact of noise level to neighboring residents. He also advised that the license is being issued to the owner, Craig Harold Hofman and Mr. Hofman must be present any time the license is being utilized unless a licensed Manager is present. Mr. Renn stated that the restaurant is located within a mall and the live music does not pose any disturbance. He also indicated that he understood the requirements of the license and conditional use permit applied by the City of Santa Clarita.

On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell, the Commission approved the aforementioned license with the following conditions:

- 1. Stage and dressing room waiver; and
- 2. Comply with the Conditional Use Permit codified by the City of Santa Clarita.

Ayes: 4 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell, Commissioner Shan Lee and Commissioner James Barger

**Attachments:** SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

3. Hearing on application for issuance of new Information Card and Notice of Intention to Solicit to Laura O'Neal, Director of Development for L.A. Goal, located at 4911 Overland Avenue, Culver City, CA 90230 in the Second District. (13-1231)

Vice President Campbell introduced this item and commended the organization on the fact that 97% of their gross contributions go back into the program.

Laura O'Neal, Director of Development for L.A. Goal, reported that L.A. Goal is an organization that provides services to adults with developmental disabilities. Ms. O'Neal stated that they offer a whole life program using several techniques such as positive reinforcement, repetitive learning and generalization of tasks. They operate Monday through Friday, occasionally on weekends and are best known for their Arts Program.

Vice President Campbell questioned their referral process and asked how many signatures are required on checks issued. Petite Konstantin, Executive Director for L.A. Goal, stated that referrals come from the State, communities, high schools, universities, medical centers and psychiatrists. Housing is not provided however, home monitors are available to assist and assure that living conditions are safe and clean. Two signatures are required on all checks.

Commissioner Barger inquired about their funding and asked if they had received grants from Weingart. Ms. Konstantin stated that funding is acquired from various sources such as the State, grants and solicitations and confirmed that Weingart is one of their funding sources.

Vice President Campbell asked about areas and diversity of those served. Ms. Konstantin indicated that they serve but are not limited to individuals in the West Los Angeles area; they also serve individuals from various ethnic and religious backgrounds.

On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by President Afriat, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the issuance of a new Information Card.

On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by President Afriat, and unanimously carried, the Commission received the Notice of Intention to Solicit.

Ayes: 4 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée

Campbell, Commissioner Shan Lee and

Commissioner James Barger

Attachments: SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

# III. REPORTS

**4.** Commissioners' Comments (13-1182)

The Commission reviewed the calendar for March and April. The Commission agreed to cancel the following meetings:

March 20, March 27, 2013 and April 6, 2013.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2013.

### IV. MISCELLANEOUS

### **Public Comment**

5. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that is within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-1183)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

# <u>Adjournment</u>

6. Adjournment for the meeting of March 13, 2013 (13-1184)

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.